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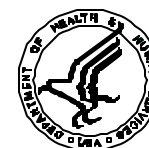
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Mission and Goals

Raise the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people to the highest level possible through Public Health Practice

- ◆ Provide the foundation for all public health activities
- ◆ Provide culturally appropriate public health interventions

Objectives

- ◆ Describe causes of morbidity and mortality
- ◆ Identify risk factors for disease
- ◆ Prevent and control disease

Disease Control/Prevention Activities

Cancer Prevention and Control

- ◇ Monitor cancer mortality, incidence, survival, and risk factors
- ◇ Consult on cancer related projects such as registry development, software development, and research
- ◇ Act as clearinghouse for health education material (breast/cervical cancer and tobacco control)

Tobacco Control

- ◇ Assist on tribal policy development
- ◇ Provide updated treatment information

Women's Health

- ◇ Facilitate breast and cervical cancer screening

Immunizations

- ◇ Provide the latest information on vaccination requirements
- ◇ Assist in improving vaccination coverage
- ◇ Evaluate local programs
- ◇ Monitor vaccination status of 36,000 children each quarter
- ◇ Coordinate immunization activities with CDC and state health departments

Sexually Transmitted Disease/Chlamydia Control

- ◇ Coordinate Stop Chlamydia/Use Azithromycin Program
- ◇ Provide STD and associated risk factor surveillance
- ◇ Coordinate STD training for providers
- ◇ Act as resource for STD prevention & control
- ◇ Evaluate STD Clinical Services

Tuberculosis Control

- ◇ Monitor incidence, identify clusters
- ◇ Provide updated treatment information

Hepatitis Program

- ◇ Assess effectiveness of hepatitis A vaccination program
- ◇ Evaluate existing hepatitis surveillance systems
- ◇ Provide technical assistance and guidance for vaccination and treatment issues
- ◇ Monitor and report hepatitis trends yearly
- ◇ Facilitate hepatitis vaccination policies

Hantavirus Program

- ◇ Research, prevention and control activities

Policy Development

- ◇ Develop guidelines for disease-specific interventions
- ◇ Interpret and implement USPHS recommendations

Services Available

Data Management and Reporting

- ◇ Assist development of data collection capacity for ORYX, HEDIS, GPRA

Emergency Response

- ◇ Lead, coordinate, facilitate public health response to outbreaks

Surveillance

- ◇ Develop, maintain, and monitor disease surveillance systems

Liaison

- ◇ Coordinate public health activities of local, state, and other federal health agencies

Training

- ◇ Provide resident, medical and public health student rotations
- ◇ Provide fellowships available for IHS or tribal staff (clinicians, nurses, environmental health)
- ◇ Provide colposcopy instruction for health care providers
- ◇ Provide cancer support group leader instruction for tribal communities

Consultation to Clinicians

- ◇ Provide or arrange expert consultation on diseases of public health importance
- ◇ Facilitate diagnostic testing at state or CDC

Applied Epidemiological Research

Most services are at no cost

On-site teams available

